Fake Coins

1128. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFARIS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fake coins of Rs. 5 have flooded the markets, especially in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the action taken to nab the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) As per available information, only a few cases of circulation of fake coins in the country including Delhi have come to notice.

(b) In Delhi, five cases were detected by Delhi Police since 1998. In one case, the accused has since been convicted. Of the remaining four cases, three are pending trial and one is pending investigation. As regards such crimes committed in the States, appropriate action against the culprits is taken by the State Police.

Attacks on Places of Worship of Minorities

1129. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken strict action against ISI supported agencies with their calculated plan to destroy religious places of worship of minorities with the intention of creating confusion in the country;

(b) the number of religious places of worship of minorities attacked by ISI miscreants for the last three months, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Pak ISI is involved in aiding, abetting and supporting terrorism in various parts of the country.

However, in the case of series of bomb blasts, which have taken place recently in the States of Andhra Pradesh (2), Goa (1), and Karnataka (2), after sustained investigations by the Central agencies as well as local Police forces, it has been established that an

organisation called the 'Deendar Anjuman' having links in Pakistan is involved in the incidents. Appropriate cases have been registered under the relevant provisions of the law by the concerned States. So far 9 accused have been arrested.

Participation of Central Cabinet Members in Sahara City Programme

†1130. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the members belonging to the Central Cabinet who had participated in the programmes held at Sahara City, Lucknow during March-April;

(b) the objectives of such celebrations;

(c) whether there are any guidelines for the Ministers to participate in such programmes organised by the private persons/institutions; and

(d) if so, whether those Ministers have followed these guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As per the available information, Sahara India Ltd. had organised a 9 day 'Bharat Parv' from January 23, 2000 at Sahara Shahar, Lucknow, for celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Republic Day. Five Members of the Council of Ministers participated in the said function. The celebration coincided with the 23rd Foundation Day of Sahara India Ltd. on February 1, 2000.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Draft of New Tada Act by Law Commission

1131. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFARIS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has already prepared a draft of new TADA Act, if so, how much time Government propose to take to consider such piece of proposed legislation; and

(b) whether Government are aware of serious apprehension

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.